

# The BOMBARDIER

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**Stand with pride:** The 2d Communications Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Richard Converse inspects Senior Airman Brian Teal, a telephone systems technician, during an open ranks inspection Wednesday in the 2d Mission Support Group parking lot. Among some of the questions the colonel asked squadron members during the inspection were if they knew the 2d Bomb Wing's vector of TWO: Total focus on mission excellence; Work together — take care of each other to build trust and teamwork; and Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth.



Staff Sgt. Denise Rayder/2d CS

## Paper gets new look, new name

### STAFF REPORTS

THE BOMBARDIER

The 2d Bomb Wing's paper has a new look this week as it debuts with its new name, *The Bombardier*. What better name to deliver news to the base population than under the position of the person who delivers the payload? The new name also more accurately reflects the base's mission.

Though the name of the newspaper is

new, the change has been in the works since early this year.

The decision to rename and redesign the paper began with the arrival of Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander. He noticed the *Observer* staff producing a high-quality newspaper, but with its focus on Air Force-level issues rather than Barksdale news.

"I wanted to change the focus more toward local 'hometown' news," the colonel said. "Plus, it had an 'old

school' look to it — today's 21st century Airmen are attracted to high-speed graphics and design, so to increase readership, we needed to make it visually exciting. The paper is a critical source for a commander to 'get the word out' across the wing. I want everyone to read the paper, so I really felt we needed to freshen it up."

Before the commander had given the go ahead to change the name, the paper staff was asking why the current name

had been the *Observer* for so long. Mr. J. Manny Guendulay, assistant editor, had already dreamed up a few ideas for a new look to the paper.

"One Friday afternoon I was talking with Tech. Sgt. Shawn Bohannon, 2d Bomb Wing historian, about the history of the paper and both of us, along with Staff Sgt. Jeremy Larlee, the former editor, and Staff Sgt. Kristina Barrett from

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### Weekend Weather



**Today**  
Mostly cloudy

Hi: 87  
Low: 72



**Saturday**  
Mostly cloudy  
with chance of  
rain

Hi: 89  
Low: 71



**Sunday**  
Mostly cloudy

Hi: 94  
Low: 72

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Barksdale  
welcomes new  
2d Maintenance Group  
Commander  
Col. Klassen

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**Base Airman**  
**protects FOL**  
Deployed 2d  
MDOS member  
keeps water  
clean at forward location

### Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

Depicted in hours	11th Bomb Squadron	2nd Bomb Squadron	3rd Bomb Squadron
Goal:	399.2	411.4	137.6
Flown:	26.2	24.1	12.3
Remaining:	373.0	387.3	125.3
As of:			
July 2	+4.3	-6.6	-26.0





# Lookout for fellow Airmen

COL. MICHAEL MOELLER  
2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

We are about halfway through the summer, and I am really impressed with every person's focus on mission excellence and our emphasis on safety.

We have only had one serious incident and are on track to have one of our best and safest 101 critical days of summer ever!

This is a direct reflection of everyone's focus on taking care of each other 24/7. I know every warrior here realizes this concern is not limited to the workplace during normal duty hours but is based on a true commitment to making sure we are taking care of every member of the team every minute of every day.

Supervisors at every level are taking time to make sure their warriors are practicing good personal risk management during these long hot summer months. Across the base, people are taking care of each other and making sure our superstars are not putting themselves in danger by making errors in judgment.

But we cannot let up as we move into the second part of the summer. I also want to make sure we are stamping out the culture of "protecting a friend and cheating death" and institutionalizing the concept of "helping a friend by saving his or her life." What do I mean? Let me explain. As I read through the Air Combat Command significant events, I came across this report:

A 19-year-old Airman was seriously injured when he and another Airman rolled their vehicle while returning to base from a private party downtown.

The car was traveling at a high rate of speed — in excess of 80 mph when the driver lost control and crossed into the other lane where it hit a pylon on the other side of the road. The driver was not wearing his seatbelt and was thrown from the vehicle. The passenger was wearing his seatbelt and escaped with bruises and a slight concussion from the airbag. Alcohol is suspected to be a factor.

How many people knew this young troop did not normally wear his seatbelt and had a drinking problem but did not say anything because they did not want to get him into trouble? I don't know for sure, but I bet at least one other person knew but did not step up to the plate.

If we know about dangerous behavior early enough, then we can get him or her help BEFORE a terrible tragedy occurs. Every member of our team is critically important and deserves a wingman with the courage to come forward and talk about it when a friend may be putting himself in danger. It is the right



"It is the right thing — no, the only thing to do."

— Col. Michael Moeller  
2d Bomb Wing commander

thing — no, the only thing to do.

So, please remember that you can make a difference — if you see a Barksdale team mate who is struggling, it IS your responsibility to help him or her get help by speaking to a supervisor or a first shirt or a commander. Together, we can ensure that we are an unbreakable titanium chain ready to go forward and achieve mission success — it is up to each and every one of us to keep each other safe and at the top of our game so we can keep the Deuce "second to none!"

## Exchange purchase rules explained

**Q**uery: I observed an incident at the base exchange on June 13 that is of some concern to me. Is there a new policy or regulation that allows civilians to make purchases at the BX? The cashier stated that if someone with a valid ID card signed them in, they were eligible to make purchases. If this is the case, I have some friends that would like to be able to shop at the BX.

**R**esponse: The cashier you spoke with was in error. The regulation governing Army and Air Force Exchange Service states that installation commanders may permit visitors of authorized patrons to enter the exchange without the privilege of purchase when accompanied by patrons. All AAFES cashiers have been briefed that civilian guests are not authorized to purchase items in the BX and it is not an acceptable practice.



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**Mission**  
Exceptional warriors ready now to provide responsive, flexible and accurate bomber combat power and operational support to warfighting commanders. Anytime, anywhere.

**Vector**  
Total focus on mission excellence  
Work together — take care of each other to build trust and teamwork  
Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth

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The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged.

Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line as more information may be needed.



Col. Michael Moeller  
2d Bomb Wing commander

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Claims Office . . . . .	456-2563	Military Pay . . . . .	456-4733
Clinic Patient Advocate . . . . .	456-6361	Military Personnel . . . . .	456-2117
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# Mayor sends city's thanks to Airmen

**Editor's note:** The following letter was sent to The Bombardier June 7 from Mr. Keith Hightower, mayor of Shreveport.

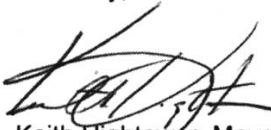
Dear Paint Your Heart Out participants:

Once again, Barksdale Air Force base members show they are not only keeping us safe around the world, but improving our quality of life here at home. On May 16, teams from around the area put in a long, hot day painting houses for people they have never met before. The program, called Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport, has been hugely successful in the 11 years it has been in existence. Since then, more than 800 homes owned by low-income elderly or the disabled have been cleaned up, painted and repaired free of charge to the homeowners.

The city of Shreveport takes applications from homeowners and coordinates the program, but we would never be able to be successful without our partners, our Barksdale volunteers! I thank all the teams who took part. They are from the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 2d AMXS Weapons, 2d Bomb Wing Command Post, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron "Dirt Boys" and "Electric," 2d Communications Squadron, 2d Comptroller Squadron, 2d Dental Squadron, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, 2d Maintenance Accessories Flight, 2d MXS Aerospace Ground Equipment, 2d MXS Maintenance Flight, 2d MXS Propulsion Team No. 1, 2d MXS Trailer Maintenance AGE, 2d Medical Group, 2d Munitions Squadron, 2d Operations Support Squadron Air Traffic Control Tower, 2d Security Forces Squadron, 26th Operational Weather Squadron, 8th Air Force, 917th Wing, 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, Air Force Sergeants Association, fuels management flight and survival avionics.

Since the program's beginning, Barksdale crews have painted an amazing 167 houses! On behalf of the grateful homeowners and the city of Shreveport, I thank you for your willing spirit and the time that you so graciously donate to help others.

Sincerely,

  
Keith Hightower, Mayor  
City of Shreveport



"Can you guys sew a pocket on for my cell-phone?"

## Quotable quote

"Our Airmen are certainly letting me know that they are challenged, and they are certainly talking about the operations tempo and the increased deployment workload that we're under. There's a price that we are paying by having so many Airmen deployed. It's not only how hard they're working deployed, but how hard they're also working at home stations by having teams separated. Combat readiness, deployments and deployability is a major concern for us."

— Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray, at the 10th Annual Worldwide Command Chief Master Sergeants' conference





# New commander takes 2d MXG reigns

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS

JUSTASIA LEHMANN

THE BOMBARDIER

Col. Bret Klassen took command of the 2d Maintenance Group from Col. Karen Wilhelm during a ceremony June 30 at Hoban Hall.

Colonel Klassen comes to Barksdale from Al Udiad Air Base, Qatar, where he was director of Central Air Force-Forward A4, 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force.

"I feel quite proud to have been selected to become part of the illustrious history of the 2nd Maintenance Group," Colonel Klassen said. "The group has met all the challenges that it has faced in the past and I know that we will continue that tradition during my time here. I look forward to leading this great group of maintainers as we overcome whatever challenges are thrown at us in the coming years."

Colonel Wilhelm went to Fort McNair in the Washington D.C. area where she will be an instructor for the National Defense University.

"For Col. Karen Wilhelm, it is mission complete at Barksdale, while for Col. Brett Klassen, your new responsibilities start today," said Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander. "It is a command you were born for in every way."

"Colonel Klassen has excelled at every level of leadership — unit-level munitions and maintenance officer, squadron command, deputy group command, chief of transforma-

tion office at Air Force headquarters and most recently as the director for CENTAF Logistics," Colonel Moeller said. "He has deployed multiple times including to Kuwait and Qatar and is the command expert for expeditionary maintenance operations. He ran the Iranian earthquake international relief operation — a huge success that saved countless lives. In fact, when you do an Internet search on expeditionary aircraft logistics and maintenance — Brett Klassen's name pops up."

"My goal is for us to continue to provide the premier bomber combat airpower in the Air Force," Colonel Klassen said. "I believe we can be the best maintenance group in Air Combat Command and bring home the awards, individual and unit, and inspection results to prove it. We will develop our troops to be the experts sought after for advice by maintainers throughout the Air Force."

"Colonel Klassen is the right choice at the right time to lead this group into the future," Colonel Moeller said. "His depth and breadth of operational experience and core of integrity combined with credibility in aircraft maintenance and caring give him all the tools for success."

Colonel Klassen received his bachelor's degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1981. He attended Squadron Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., in 1988 and he earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Troy State University in 1995. He completed Air Command and Staff College

by correspondence in 1995, and Air War College by correspondence in 1999.

Colonel Klassen's military awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious

Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters and Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters.



Senior Airman Kevin Camara/2d CS

**Col. Bret Klassen takes the 2d Maintenance Group guidon from Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander, during the change of command ceremony June 30 at Hoban Hall. Colonel Klassen assumed command of the 2d MXG from Col. Karen Wilhelm, who went to Fort McNair to be an instructor at the National Defense University.**

## Combat needs, not manpower deciding factors for filling ranks

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN ORTIZ-TORRES

AIR UNIVERSITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Combat needs, not current manpower standards, are what Air Force officials are using to determine how many people are filling the ranks, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray said. This, he said, is the first time in Air Force history that combat needs have been the determining factor.

Chief Murray discussed this and other current issues during his visit at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., for the 10th Annual Worldwide Command Chief Master Sergeants' conference June 19 to 23.

"We're engaged in a war that perhaps is not going to end any time soon, so we need to be prepared for that," Chief Murray said. "We have to focus on training, on our leadership and our efforts of preparing our Airmen mentally, physically and emotionally to deal with the rigors of deployment."

One hot topic is force shaping which is designed to return the Air Force to its authorized uniformed population by September 2005.

"How do we bring our force structure down by 20,000 people without losing any of our combat capabilities and without forcing out good quality Airmen that want to stay with us?" Chief Murray asked.

"That's our greatest challenge and clearly concerns our force; however, we will continue to work toward balancing the force," he said.

Fifteen years ago, the Air Force was 40 percent larger than it is today with about 660,000 active-duty Airmen. Today, the force is just shy of 360,000 active-duty people, yet the service is deploying more than four times more than it did back in 1990 before operations Desert Shield and Desert

Storm, Chief Murray said.

"While we are deploying more, for the first time in history over the last couple of years we have been identifying the requirements of our force based on our combat expeditionary needs, not off manpower standards, on how many people (for example) we would have working at Maxwell Air Force Base, but truly what we would need for combat," he said.

Finding ways to reduce the number of critically manned and stressed career fields in the Air Force is also a part of the plan to balance the force. Examples are the noncommissioned officer retraining program, reinstating the career job reservation program and redirecting accessions in basic training.

"These measures are beginning to show a positive effect on increasing balance in our force," Chief Murray said. "And on top of that, it's also (Air Force Chief of Staff) General (John P.) Jumper's commitment to continue in every way we can to try to get every Airman in our Air Force to be deployable. By increasing our deployment pools, again we minimize the stress on those Airmen in constant demand."

As the chief master sergeant of the Air Force, he said his most important job is talking with Airmen and listening to what they are saying.

"First of all, today I see great pride in our Airmen in the jobs that they are doing out there," he said. "In 27 years of the Air Force, I have not seen the Air Force any better than what it is today."

"Our Airmen are certainly letting me know they are challenged, and they are certainly talking about the operations tempo and the increased deployment workload that we're under," he said. "There's a price that we are paying by having so many Airmen deployed. It's not only how hard they're working deployed, but how hard they're also working at home

stations by having teams separated."

One example of concerns being addressed is the recent pull-back of code "C" limitations. A code "C" designation is given to Airmen with certain medical conditions.

"Our Airmen spoke out about that and that's part of the reason we decided to step back and conduct a thorough analysis of the processes we use to look at those individuals that are not available for deployment due to medical limitations," he said.

There are currently more than 7,000 Airmen that are not eligible for worldwide deployments and about 3,600 of those are designated as permanently in that category, Chief Murray said.

"Combat readiness, deployments and deployability is a major concern for us," Chief Murray said. "We'll continue to work with the senior leaders of our Air Force, our Air Staff, and major commands to balance our force to meet that mission."

Chief Murray also discussed quality-of-life issues.

"We always have quality of life in our sights because it deals with our pay, our benefits and compensations, our housing, workplace and environments that affect our Airmen and their families," he said.

People can expect to see many improvements in infrastructure, he said. Officials have invested in renovating or replacing more than 5,000 dormitory rooms and more than 30,000 housing units across the force.

It is clear that the Air Force is going through major changes, and as Chief Murray said, "Air Force leaders are leading Airmen in a historic and exciting time." (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)





# Crane blocks traffic

BY 1ST LT. CYRENA WOOSTER

2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For many military members who live in housing on the east side, getting home last Thursday afternoon to start their four-day weekend was not as easy as they thought it would be.

As they sat with their groceries warming in the car to cross the Red Chute Bridge, contractors worked on the other side of the bridge, trying to fix the problem so traffic could flow again.

The situation began at 4 p.m. when contractors moved a crane across the Red Chute Bridge. Two four-foot wide steel tracks had to be removed from the crane in order to move it across the bridge, and when the contractors got the crane to the other side of the bridge they were unable to put one of the two tracks back on correctly, blocking traffic on both sides of the bridge. Traffic began to build up on either side of the bridge as the contractors worked to get the track functioning correctly so the crane could be moved out of the way.

The drive mechanism on the track was broken and the contractors made several attempts to move it and finally found a method that worked. They moved the crane a few feet using the one working track and then moved the crane around to orient it back. After 30 minutes of this seesaw method they were able to clear the road around 11 p.m.

While trying to move the crane, efforts were made to reroute traffic to the east side. Members of the 2d Security Forces Squadron led a convoy out to Gate 6, a log truck gate, and discovered that it would be impossible to use because the route had been washed out by

heavy rain. Gate 3 was the second option, but by that time the crane was almost moved so the convoy headed back to the Red Chute Bridge.

Col. Michael Moeller, 2d Bomb Wing commander, arrived on scene while the contractors were fixing the crane.

“Our first responders to the scene did an outstanding job — our ambulance services positioned themselves for emergency response, the dispatchers were poised, collected and decisive — they were superb. From crowd control, safety, convoy operations — the 2d SFS responded magnificently. However, we must fix the way information flows from the scene to leadership so we can take decisive action. I would ask that, just like for the Eagle Eyes program, if anyone sees a potential issue that affects the base’s safety, security or mission effectiveness they immediately call the command post so we can get the right folks involved with solving the problem.”

The crane is in use to build the new and improved bridge over Red Chute Bayou. The crane has a lifting capacity of 150 tons and it pre-drills holes into the ground and then inserts piles into the holes.

“The new bridge will have concrete piles instead of wooden piles, which will increase the overall strength of the bridge. The wooden piles on the old bridge are deteriorating, causing several problems with that bridge’s continuous current and future use. The concrete piles and spans will allow the new bridge to be wider, increase weight allowance and allow the ability to increase the speed limit from the current 15 mph,” said 1st Lt Christopher Fernandez, 2d Civil Engineering Squadron chief of construction.

# Troop vaccinations expanded

BY GERRY GILMORE

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — More U.S. servicemembers, including those serving in South Korea, will be vaccinated against smallpox and anthrax, the Defense Department’s senior medical adviser said June 30.

The availability of additional smallpox and anthrax vaccine will allow for vaccinating all servicemembers assigned to U.S. Central Command and many serving in U.S. Pacific Command, said Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. This includes troops assigned in South Korea.

Dr. Winkenwerder said he could not provide the numbers of troops affected by the policy change, other than saying “tens of thousands” would be vaccinated. The policy change, he said, was not precipitated by a definite threat increase.

“There is no substantial change to the threat situation,” Dr. Winkenwerder said, explaining the increased availability of both vaccines “will provide an additional layer of protection” for servicemembers.

Central Command troops deployed to

the Afghanistan and Iraq theaters of operation had been vaccinated against smallpox and anthrax, Dr. Winkenwerder said, but now “all members in Central Command” will receive both vaccinations.

Servicemembers serving in selected areas of PACOM, including South Korea, will also receive the anthrax and smallpox vaccines, Dr. Winkenwerder said.

The cost of administering more smallpox and anthrax shots will run into “the tens of millions of dollars,” Dr. Winkenwerder said, but the program would not strain his \$30 billion overall budget.

Medical studies, Dr. Winkenwerder said, have shown that administration of the vaccines poses little threat to servicemembers’ health. Since June 2002, the Defense Department has vaccinated more than 750,000 troops against anthrax. That number, he said, increases to an aggregate of more than 1 million if vaccinations administered since 1998 are factored in. Since December 2002, he said, more than 625,000 troops received smallpox vaccinations. *(Courtesy of AFPN)*





# BARKSDALE'S AIRMAN OF THE MONTH

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS

JUSTASIA LEHMANN

THE BOMBARDIER

An Airman with the 2d Operations Support Squadron was recently named Barksdale's Airman of the month.

Airman 1st Class Sidney Holcomb, an intelligence analyst for the 2d OSS, won Airman of the Month for June.

Winning was a complete surprise to Airman Holcomb.

"This was my first experience with the Airman of the month boards and I was expecting to gain experience to win future boards," Airman Holcomb said. "My success was a complete shock."

Airman Holcomb is grateful for his co-workers' belief in his abilities.

"I don't think my co-workers were as surprised as I was," Airman Holcomb said. "They have a lot of confidence in my abilities and I greatly appreciate all their support."

Airman Holcomb believes this is the beginning of future achievements to come.

"Confidence is my biggest asset

on these boards," Airman Holcomb said. "This is my first big accomplishment in my Air Force career; however, I expect it to be the first of many."

Airman Holcomb's supervisors were happy for him.

"I was very proud of Airman Holcomb," said 1st Lt. Kelly Montier, 2d OSS intelligence analyst. "He was very prepared. He put the same quality effort into the board as he puts forth every day at work."

"I was very proud and happy for his accomplishment," said Staff Sgt. Ernest Lipscomb, 2d OSS intelligence analyst. "He worked very hard for this as he does for everything he attempts. I had total faith in him to win this award. He set a goal and strived to achieve it."

Sergeant Lipscomb realized the effort Airman Holcomb put into the competition.

"He worked very hard on all facets of the competition," Sergeant Lipscomb said. "I have not seen anyone more prepared than he was."

Sergeant Lipscomb knows that developing Airman is important in today's Air Force.



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Airman 1st Class

Sidney Holcomb

"Programs like this show our commitment to develop today's Airmen into tomorrow's leaders," Sergeant Lipscomb said.

Like Sergeant Lipscomb, Airman Holcomb understands how important it is to have awards programs like Airman of the month.

"Recognition is key in every career," he said. "However, in the military it is probably even more important because of the stresses military life puts on each individual and their family. It is an unbiased method of recognizing those who stand a step above the rest."

## News briefs

### Changes of command

#### 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Lt. Col. Edward Kramer takes command of the 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron from Lt. Col. Peter Axelson during a ceremony today at Hoban Hall at 10 a.m.

Colonel Kramer comes from Stuttgart-Vaihing, Germany, where he served as the U.S. European Command programs and mobility branch chief.

Colonel Axelson moves to 2d Bomb Wing Plans and Programs where he will serve as the chief of long-range plans.

#### 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron

Lt. Col. Barry Sebring takes command of the 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron from Lt. Col. Thomas Jacobson during a ceremony at Hoban Hall Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Colonel Sebring is stepping up from the director of operations of the 49th TES.

Colonel Jacobson goes to the Test Management Group at Eglin AFB, Fla., where he will be the deputy group commander.

#### 2d Medical Support Squadron

Maj. L. Todd Eppler takes command of the 2d Medical Support Squadron from Lt. Col. Joanne

McPherson Thursday at 10 a.m. at the officers club.

Major Eppler comes from Air Combat Command Surgeon General's Office, Langley AFB, Va., where he served as the chief of clinical administration.

Colonel McPherson heads to the 59th Medical Wing, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas, where she will serve as the resource manager.

### Retirements

#### Master Sgt. Harmeson

Master Sgt. Donald "Chip" Harmeson, 8th Information Warfare Flight, retires after 20 years of dedicated service during a ceremony in the 917th Wing auditorium today at 10 a.m. Dress is causal for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Capt. Colin Connor at 456-7926 for more information.

#### Master Sgt. Byrd

Master Sgt. Johnny Byrd, 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron, retires after 27 years of dedicated service during a ceremony today in the enlisted club ballroom at 10 a.m. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform of the day for military. Call Senior Master Sgt. Nancy Davis at 456-5083 for more information.

### Road closure

A road closure is scheduled July 16-19 on Kenny Avenue between Selfridge and Luke avenues due to road construction. Call Tech. Sgt. Russell Harris at 456-8351 for more information.

### First Friday social

The African American Heritage Committee hosts their First Friday Social today at 4 p.m. at the enlisted club. Come out and enjoy food, drinks and door prizes. Call Capt. Todd Randolph at 456-4771 for more information.

### Free presentation

The Shreveport Area Radio Kontrol Society sponsors a free Louisiana remote control jet presentation Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at North Ridge Air Park in Shreveport. Call 741-5501 for more information.

### Motorcycle club meeting

The Barksdale Motorcycle Riders Club holds a meeting at the base theater Tuesday at 3 p.m. The meeting is open to base motorcycle riders who are active duty, reserve, guard, retired and Department of Defense civilian employees. Call Senior Master Sgt. Steve Stakes at 456-6908 for more information.





# 608th ACS Airman court-martialed

2D BOMB WING LEGAL OFFICE

A special court-martial held June 22 found Senior Airman Jonathan Harris of the 608th Air Communications Squadron guilty of the following offenses:

- Article 92: Dereliction of duty in misusing his government travel card
- Article 123: Forgery of his first sergeant's name on a loan application
- Article 123a: Wrongfully writing checks without sufficient funds with intent to defraud for the purpose of gambling

• Article 134: Wrongfully writing checks without sufficient funds and thereafter dishonorably failing to maintain sufficient funds in his account

Airman Harris was sentenced to confinement for six months, reduction to airman basic and forfeiture of \$795 a month during his confinement, pending convening authority action. Courts-martial are open to the public.

Call the 2d Bomb Wing Legal Office at 456-2562 for a schedule of upcoming courts-martial.

# Barksdale Airmen receive Articles 15

2D BOMB WING LEGAL OFFICE

Six Barksdale members received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice from June 24 - 30.

A staff sergeant failed to follow-up a 3-level trainee's work on circuit breakers. Punishment: suspended reduction to the grade of senior airman and forfeiture of \$250 for two months.

A senior airman failed to complete a preflight inspection by not following the technical order. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman first class and forfeiture of \$250 for two months.

A senior airman was apprehended for driving under the influence. Punishment: reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$792 for two months and 45 days extra duty.

An airman first class failed to go to work and made a false official statement. Punishment: suspended reduction to airman basic with a reduction to airman and 30 days correctional custody.

An airman was charged with sexual harassment of a co-worker. Punishment: 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

There were no discharges under the rapid airman discharge program during this period.

# MEET THE NEW COMMANDER

**Unit:** 2d Security Forces Squadron

**Family:** Wife, Marian; Children, Mackenzie, 9, Braden, 7 and Madeline, 3 weeks

**Past assignments:** Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.; Osan Air Base, South Korea; Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; Langley AFB, Va. and Maxwell AFB, Ala.

**Education:** Bachelor's in human resource management from Louisiana Tech, master's in operational military art from Air Command and Staff College

**Off-duty time is for:** Family

**Hobbies:** Fishing, hunting, camping and kids

**What challenges do you see as a commander?** Building and maintaining a 600-plus person total joint force protection team while managing homestation requirements, contingency deployments and troop morale.

**Goals:** Build a respected, cohesive, mission-focused team who takes care of each other and can defend the force with pride anytime, anywhere.



**Maj. John Wilcox**

**What makes a good Airman outstanding?** Motivation, pride and ownership in self, family, unit and mission.

**Could you give some advice to those pursuing an Air Force career?** There is no job more important than the one you are currently in. Excel now and you will excel later!

**What do you like about Barksdale?** The front-line, diverse missions the men and women of Barksdale perform each and every day.

## Correction:

Lt. Col. Robert Fleishauer 26th Operational Weather Squadron commander's education information was incorrectly listed in the July 2 edition of the *Observer* in the Meet the New Commander. Colonel Fleishauer's scholarship includes a doctorate in atmospheric physics from Colorado State University, a master's degree in atmospheric science at St. Louis University, a master's degree from Air Command and Staff College and a bachelor's degree in physics from University of Wisconsin-Superior. The colonel was a distinguished graduate from Squadron Officer School and his ROTC program. He also completed the basic meteorology program at Texas A&M University.

# Uniform board releases results

BY STAFF SGT. MELANIE STREETER  
AIR FORCE PRINT NEWS

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials recently released the results of the 96th Air Force Uniform Board held June 18 and 19.

The chief of staff approved a number of changes, affecting everything from cell phones to scarves. Among the changes are:

- Establish a standardized Air Force physical training uniform
- Redesign the female lightweight blue jacket and authorize the lightweight blue jacket to be worn indoors
- Authorize, as an option, to have the Air Force symbol embroidered on the lightweight blue jacket
- Offer the A-line skirt as optional item
- Redesign and revise maternity uniforms
- Authorize conservative ornamentation on nonprescription sunglasses and eyeglasses
- Authorize one small, black, nondescript personal digital assistant, pager or cellular phone at a time to be worn on the uniform belt
- Allow females to wear small, black spherical earrings when in uniform

• Allow black web belts or black riggers belts with nondescript buckles as an optional item with the battle dress uniform

• Remove the requirement to wear a tie or tab with short-sleeved shirt or blouse while traveling on a commercial airline

• Authorize wear of a backpack over both shoulders

• Authorize only a solid-color black backpack with blue uniform combinations and solid black, olive drab or woodland camouflage backpack with battle uniforms

• Allow the wear of plain black conservative hairpins and other accessories with all female hair colors

• Allow males to cleanly shave their heads or have military high-and-tight haircuts; females are not authorized to shave their heads or wear high-and-tight haircuts

More information about these uniform board decisions will be included in the next update of Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, being released this summer.

Call the military personnel flight at 456-3710 for more information or the Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales at 746-6429 for item availability.

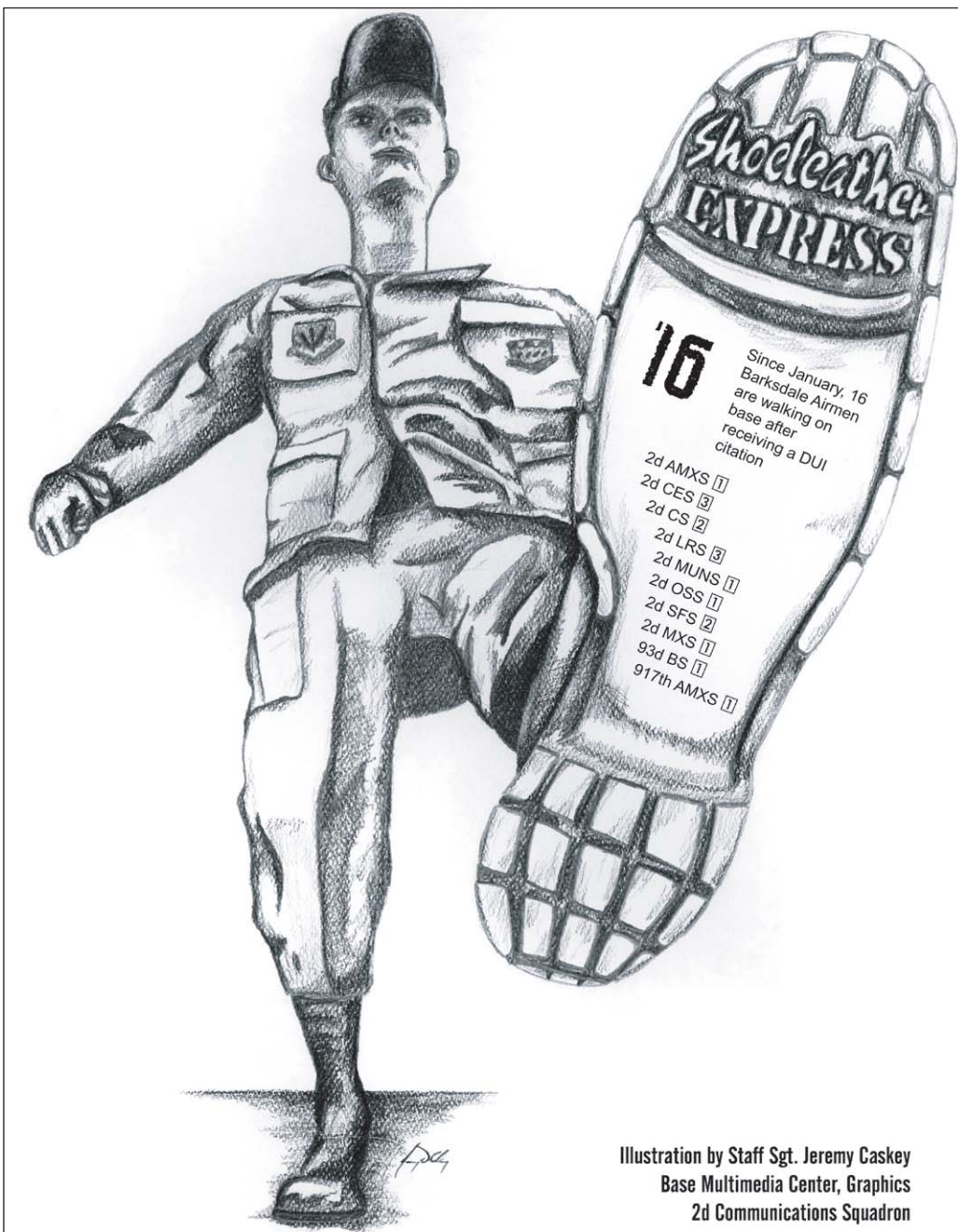


Illustration by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Caskey  
Base Multimedia Center, Graphics  
2d Communications Squadron





# Bombardier reflects Barksdale, mission

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the 2d Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office informally began throwing names around," Mr. Guendulay said. "However, 57 years of history as the Observer meant a change couldn't happen without top-level approval, so we sat on the idea. When the new wing commander had mentioned he wanted to change the paper's name and look, I was happy to show him what I had drawn up."

The initial look and new name was well-received by the colonel, who also wanted to give the base population a chance to name the paper. Submissions were taken via e-mail and people offered titles such as *The Barksdale Gazette*, *The Barksdale Bomber*, *The Bomber Outlook* and *Cajun Bomber*. Someone who had fond memories of Castle Air Force Base's old paper even suggested the resurrection of the *Valley Bomber*. Finally, *The Bombardier* was agreed upon.

"The *Observer* name fit Barksdale's mission in 1949 and perhaps through the interwar years, but ever since then, the base and its mission have been focused on one thing — bombing America's enemies," Colonel Moeller said. "The new name is especially relevant today because it encompasses the full spectrum of Team Barksdale's focus — from 8th Air Force to the 917th Wing and the 2d Bomb Wing — through the electronic medium, with information operations or with iron. The bottom line is that at Barksdale the men and women stationed here don't simply observe — we act with professionalism and precision!"

When it came time to give the paper the new look it deserved, the paper staff turned to graphic designer Staff Sgt. Jeremy Caskey from the 2d Communications Squadron.

"In designing the new flag for the base newspaper, I wanted to evoke a modern look while maintaining a timeless quality," Sergeant Caskey said. "To do this, I researched previous flags, namely the *Barksdale Bark*, at the 8th Air Force museum to ensure historical integrity. I consider it an honor to have the opportunity to be a part of this needed change that will hopefully be around for years to come."

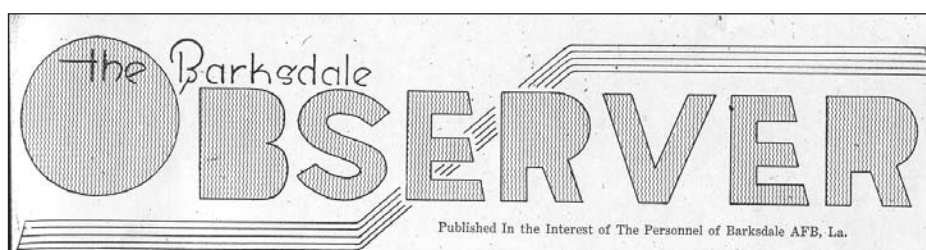
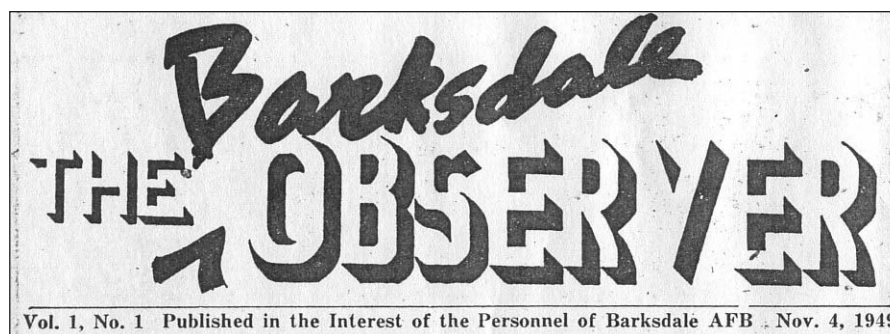
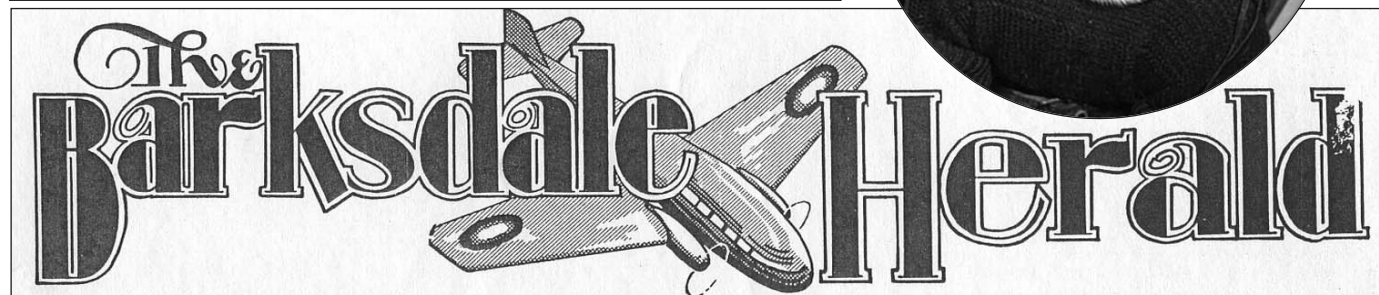
Sergeant Bohannon says the old name of the paper far outlived its purpose.

"The *Observer*, Barksdale's fourth paper was first printed on Nov. 4, 1949," Sergeant Bohannon said. "Three days before, the 2d Air Force was activated at Barksdale under the command of Maj. Gen. Joseph Atkinson. As with many military newspapers, past and present, the name reflected the primary mission. At the time of its activation, the 2d Air Force exercised the important mission of strategic reconnaissance, which loaned a perfect fit for the paper's namesake."

According to Sergeant Bohannon's history, Barksdale's first newspaper, *The Service News*, went into publication in December 1932. The paper was published in the now extinct Washington Youree Hotel in Shreveport. Little information exists on the history of this newspaper. For instance, it is unknown if it was a weekly or monthly publication or how long it remained in circulation.

The first edition of the base's second newspaper, *The Barksdale Herald*, was published on May 12, 1939. This paper was superseded by *Barksdale's Bark*, which went into print on Dec. 19, 1942. The name was shortened to the *Barksdale Bark* upon publication of the Jan. 8, 1944, edition. Morford, the English bulldog that served as Barksdale's mascot during World War II, featured prominently in the "Bark." Spoof editorials penned in his name offered slice of life observations and homespun advice for thousands of young soldiers stationed at Barksdale during the war.

Copies of all of the base's papers are archived at the 8th Air Force Museum.



**A walk through Time:** The *Bombardier* is the fifth base paper to represent Barksdale over the years. Top: The paper started with *The Service News* in 1932. Below top: *The Barksdale Herald* was the paper's name until World War II. Top right: Morford, the WWII base mascot, was a guest editorial writer during the war for the *Barksdale Bark*, which started in late 1942. Left: Seven years later, Barksdale's mission changed to that of reconnaissance and the paper became *The Barksdale Observer*. Below it are different flags used during the 57 years of publishing under the *Observer* name. The fourth from top is an art deco version while the fifth from top depicts Barksdale as a Strategic Air Command base with a B-52G being refueled by a KC-135. Bottom: The last flag of the *Observer* served Barksdale through the millennium and celebrated a century of flight.





# Base members save lives, donate bone marrow

BY 2D LT. VALERIE DECKER  
2D BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

It's not very often Airmen get the chance to meet their bone marrow recipients, but two from Barksdale have.

Lt. Col. Glenn "Powder" Carlson, 2d Operations Support Squadron assistant deputy director, and Master Sgt. Thomas Rodgers, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 20th Aircraft Maintenance Unit specialist section chief, started the experience while giving blood and subsequently joining the National Marrow Donor Program registry.

Colonel Carlson started donating blood in high school, but began giving regularly after a college classmate's death. He feels that everyone has a chance to save lives by simply donating blood. The colonel met his bone marrow recipient, Mr. Nick Finley over the Fourth of July weekend in Texas. Mr. Finley and his wife Ann, along with other family members and friends welcomed Colonel Carlson, his wife and son as the families met each other for the first time.

"The love and outpouring of thanks that my family and I received this weekend was just immeasurable," the colonel said. "We met the Finley family and it was like a family reunion that we had been a part of for years. One thing that sticks in my mind was how thankful they were not just to me, but to my wife and son."

The colonel and his family also met members of the medical team including the transplant chief who performed the transplant in San Antonio, Texas, during the visit. According to the colonel, one thing is clear: it is amazing that bone marrow from one human being can help heal another and give a person a second chance to live.

The decision to donate bone marrow is one the colonel takes very seriously.

"This is a life or death situation for the individual," the colonel said. "After I was notified that I was a match, I traveled to Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington and met with a number of doctors to complete a physical, meet with an anesthesiologist, a surgeon and a caseworker to discuss the transplant.

"At that point, the recipient still doesn't know you ex-

ist," he said. "They aren't notified until you sign paperwork agreeing to complete the bone marrow donation. Once you reach the two-week period, you enter what they call 'the point of no return.' At that point, they start to kill off the recipient's own bone marrow because it has to be dead in order for their body to accept the transplant. Within those two weeks, if you decide not to, that person will die because they have no marrow to bring back. You have to be sure once you hit the point of no return that you're willing to press on."

Knowing that someone's life or death is in your hands is intimidating, the colonel said.

"The most gut-wrenching portion was visiting the pediatric oncology unit," he said. "Seeing the little kids out there that have a questionable future and knowing you impact them is what donating is all about. Knowing you impact people like them, whether it's a child or an adult. You are impacting them and their families and you're giving back to them in a way no one else can."

The experience from this colonel's point of view proved to be one filled with humility.

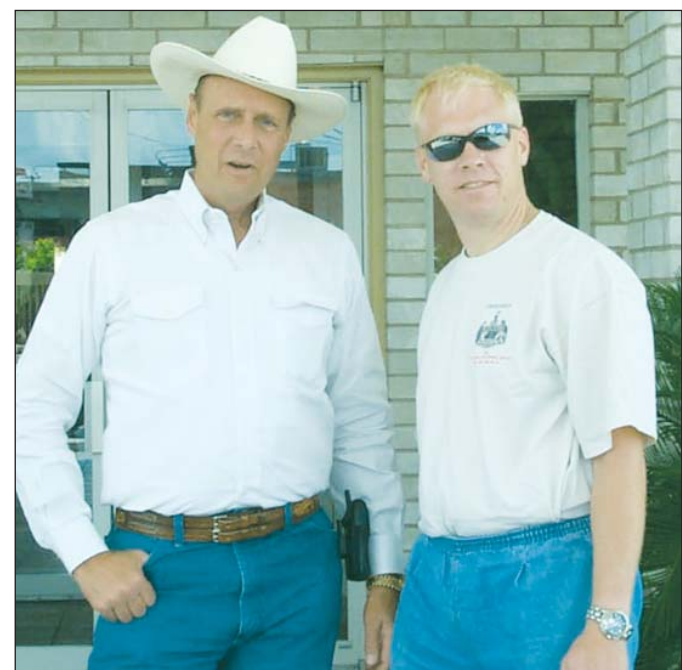
"People who donate blood make a difference," Colonel Carlson said. "We all try to serve and make a difference, and this is just another way to serve."

Sergeant Rodgers agrees whole-heartedly. When he decided to donate blood at a blood drive at Minot AFB, N.D., he had no idea he would eventually be saving someone's life.

"When I finally spoke with my bone marrow recipient, we talked for a while," the sergeant said. "He told me he once had B positive blood and now he has O positive blood just like me. All I remember him saying was, 'I guess we're really blood brothers now.'"

An energetic and seemingly healthy 19-year-old was surprised to learn he had leukemia in 1997. In the beginning, all the sergeant knew was that his recipient was 19. "I got the call on my birthday, Sept. 16, that I was a possible donor. On Oct. 16, I was chosen as the perfect match," Sergeant Rodgers said.

"The first time I talked to my recipient I called him up and it was great to talk to each other," the sergeant said. "You're not allowed to talk to each other for a year."



Courtesy photo

**Lt. Col. Glenn "Powder" Carlson, right, the 2d Operations Support Squadron assistant deputy director, and Mr. Nick Finley, left, bone marrow recipient, meet at a hotel in San Antonio, Texas, for the first time.**

Sergeant Rodgers has fond memories of the first time he met his recipient.

"This was a 19-year-old kid that wasn't used to showing his emotions. On that day, his wife said he never before allowed himself to become so emotional," Sergeant Rodgers said.

He says the thought of his two daughters or wife needing a bone marrow transplant prompted him to press forward and help someone else live a happy, normal life.

Both Sergeant Rodgers and Colonel Carlson maintain communication with their recipients. What began as a surgical procedure to save two lives turned into an eternal bond of brotherhood.

For more information about becoming a bone marrow donor, visit [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org).





# Base Airman protects FOL one sample at a time

BY CAPT. DENISE BOYD

386TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Her refrigerator is full of small containers of water with dates and locations written in marker on them, and she carries a log book wherever she goes, tracking what people see, hear and touch.

She carries the personal protection and health of every single servicemember on base in her hand, and she takes that job seriously.

Ensuring the health, both short and long term, of the men and women at this forward operating location isn't the most glamorous job on the base, but Tech. Sgt. Mary Moore, 386th Expeditionary Medical Group, deployed from the 2d Medical Operations Squadron at Barksdale, is ready and willing to take on this task.

As the bioenvironmental engineer for the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, Sergeant Moore is responsible for examining the chemicals used on base, the work performed, the noise levels in a work center, radiation levels and water sampling.

"I'm preventative medicine for the base, looking at occupational safety and health, as well as ensuring environmental protection," she said.

One way she does this is through site visits to each work center, and she recently visited the base power plant to evaluate the protective gear they wear.

"I went to see what exactly they do there and how long each day it takes them to do a process," she said. "They have to check the generators around the base and refuel them. They refill 40 generators on base, and it takes them four hours, so then they have a fuel exposure each time. I'm there to make sure they are wearing the proper personal protective equipment and then document it, because stateside they may not have that exposure, so that's all put into their medical records as potential chemical exposure."

Bioenvironmental engineers go through a 17-week technical training course at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. To deploy, they must have their 7-level certification complete along with a radiation safety course. On top of these requirements, Sergeant Moore is also

nationally certified as an occupational safety and health technician.

Chemical exposure is often found in places one wouldn't expect to look. Sergeant Moore recently identified a formaldehyde problem in the Navy and Marine gym located at the deployed location.

Members were being exposed more than 500 times the limit, so she worked with Lt. Col. David Crow, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron commander, deployed from Malstrom Air Force Base, Mont., where he is the 341st Civil Engineer Squadron commander, to determine the best way to handle the formaldehyde problem.

According to Sergeant Moore, the work she conducts while deployed is very similar to the work done back at Barksdale, with one major exception — the tools used to fix the problems.

"When trying to develop solutions in the field, I still have to follow Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards, I just need to find something that will work here — and this is where I work alongside CE to find a workable solution," she said.

"We found that the plywood we used to build the gym had a high amount of formaldehyde in it, a chemical used locally to make plywood," Colonel Crow said. "We didn't want to rip it out, but after searching the



U.S Air Force Photo by Capt. Denise Boyd

**Tech. Sgt. Mary Moore, bioenvironmental engineer, 386th Expeditionary Medical Group, tests pool water samples for proper PH levels. After taking samples of the pool water, Sergeant Moore tests them for potential E. coli contamination.**

Internet for possible solutions, we determined we could use a paint coating to contain the chemical in the wood."

Once Airmen from the 386th ECES completed the painting, Sergeant Moore checked the chemical levels again, and found them to be within standards.

With her tool box of sampling tools and chemicals in hand, Sergeant Moore will continue to work through the rest of her deployment toward creating the healthiest environment for the Airmen assigned to the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing.





# Deployed major talks of life on flightline

## 8th Air Force pilot speaks about U-2s, chase cars, missions

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

"So, just what is this little jaunt for, anyway," I ask, as I settle down into the low-slung Camaro and prepare for a ride I've heard much about over the years.

"Country," a U-2 pilot from 8th Air Force and Tuscumbia, Ala., native looks at me with a crooked grin and slowly drawls: "for going fast."

As we pull out and drive toward the runway at this deployed location where we both work as Air Force officers, Maj. James Kimbrough, called "Country," explains the idea behind a chase car.

"The way the U-2 is designed, combined with the fact that the pilot is wearing a space suit, makes it impossible to tell just how close you are to the runway when you're landing."

Add to that a wingspan of more than 100 feet and the fact that the U-2 lands on wheels in tandem like a bicycle, and it's easy to believe that this is one of the hardest aircraft in the world to take off and land.

A wingspan of more than 100 feet causes some unusual issues other planes don't have to deal with.

Mainly, droop.

Those wings are so long and heavy, that sitting on top of that two-wheel tandem frame can easily make the aircraft lean to either side, dragging the wings on the ground. Therefore, a "pogo," or a sort of prop stick with wheels on the end is attached to each wing after it lands, to support them as it taxis and sits on the ground.

The pogos fall off upon takeoff, and

the same crew who attached them retrieves them from the runway after the plane is airborne.

"This is definitely a job for an adrenaline junkie," Major Kimbrough says, only half-kidding.

And although the U-2's ground operation is something amazing to behold, the real action is at 70,000 feet.

Formerly a part of the CIA inventory, the U-2 is the most famous top-secret spy plane ever flown. When they were first introduced in 1955, it was the highest-flying aircraft in the world, and far out of the range of any ground-to-air missiles. This made it the perfect platform for reconnaissance, as they could fly anywhere and take pictures at will of anything on the ground their high-powered cameras could capture.

Altitudes of 70,000 feet, twice as high as most commercial airliners, creates unique challenges in environment that make it essential for pilots to wear space suits. The suit keeps fliers cool and pressurized for their dangerous, often nine-hour flights in that tiny cockpit. Flying on the edge of space is what this aircraft was designed to do, and it does it well.

"The U-2 was designed for extremely high altitudes and dances like a lady there," Major Kimbrough said. But "it's a dragon that has to be fought in the lower altitudes and for landing."

So why would anyone want to fly this beast?

Essentially, it's the challenge.

"It's about the difficulty and the unknowns that come up," he affirms. "I like being on the tip of the spear and having to deal with it myself. The U-2 is the most challenging aircraft in any inventory."



Master Sgt. Shaun Withers/380th ECS

**Maj. James "Country" Kimbrough, a pilot with 8th Air Force and currently deployed, sits in the cockpit of a U-2.**



Master Sgt. Shaun Withers/380th ECS

**A chase car follows as a U-2 taxis in to its hangar after a flight June 23. After landing, the crew attaches the pogos underneath each wing to support them while the**

**aircraft is earthbound. The pogos are needed to help support the aircraft's wingspan of more than 100 feet.**





**Meow:** Firefighters from the 2d Civil Engineer Squadron rescued Fuego the cat July 1. Fuego was trapped in the window structure of Staff Sgt. Kristina Barrett's, 2d Bomb Wing Public Affairs, car. Firefighter, Senior Airman Juan Galindo III, holds Fuego after he had been trapped for more than 30 minutes in the rainy conditions. The kitten was named Fuego, which is the Spanish word for fire in honor of the firefighters who saved it.



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier





# At your service

## Circus Fit program

The Ringling Brothers Circus hosts a 'Circus Fit' program at the base sports and fitness center July 23 at 10 a.m. Clowns will teach and demonstrate the importance of fitness in the circus industry and will do a mini-fitness challenge with base youth. The event is open to all ages. Call the fitness center at 456-4135 or the youth center at 456-3448 to sign up or for more information.

## All-ranks western night

Western night is today outside Hangar 2 at the officers club. The party features a rodeo, buffalo roping, line dancing instruction, a best western-dressed contest and more. The rodeo entry fee is \$5, the chuck wagon brisket, beans and unlimited beer buffet is \$10. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m.

## Bingo jackpot

Thursday's jackpot is \$1,000 and growing. Other prizes include a week-end getaway to Hot Springs, Ark., a flat-screen television and a special game for club members. Early bird bingo and the buffet begin at 5:30 p.m. The buffet is \$5.50 for nonmembers and \$4.50 for club members. Jackpot Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. and all ranks are welcome. Members receive \$5 off a multi-card bingo pack.

## Family camping trip

Outdoor recreation hosts a camping trip to Clear Lake Park July 16 — 17. Cost is \$35 a person and includes camping gear, five meals, canoes, archery gear and paintball gun with 500 rounds. Call 456-3426 before Wednesday to register.

## White water canoeing

Outdoor recreation hosts a weekend trip to Beaver's Bend, Okla., for white-water canoeing and camping July 23 — 25. Cost is \$50. Funding from Air Combat Command's Family Adventure program cut the original cost in half. Included in the fee is round-trip transportation, five meals, campsite fee, camping gear, canoe and kayaks. Call 456-3426 before July 16 to register.

## Flambé night

Enjoy flambé at the officers club today. Dine on beef tenderloin medallions cooked tableside in a flaming mushroom wine sauce. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and open to all ranks.

## Family buffet night

Family buffet night is Wednesday at the officers club at 5:30 p.m. Children can watch videos and win prizes. Adults can dine on rosemary baked chicken, roast beef, southern fried catfish, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed rice, green bean almondine, a vegetable medley and hot cobbler for

\$6.95. The children's buffet features chicken nuggets, mini corndogs, pizza, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, swirl pudding, jello and cookies for \$3.50. Ages 5 and under eat for \$2.95.

## Summer art contest

The base library sponsors a "Bugliest Bug" contest this summer. Children can make bugs out of any material, name the creation and bring it to the library by July 21 with a completed entry form to enter the contest. Library patrons and staff will judge the art July 27 at 9 a.m. Winners are awarded in a variety of age categories. The library will display the art during the summer. Call 456-4101 for more information.

## Sunday champagne brunch

Enjoy brunch Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the officers club. Brunch is open to all ranks and features a carving station, made-to-order omelettes, a fresh salad and fruit bar, a large dessert bar, a variety of lunch entrees and all the traditional breakfast favorites. Wine, Bloody Marys, mimosas and champagne are available. This price is \$10.95 for adults, \$5.95 for ages 5 through 12 and \$2.95 for children under 5. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Discount Disney tickets

Take the family to the happiest place on earth. Check out Mickey and the gang and save \$15 to \$33 on Walt Disney World tickets. Available price packages grant admission to the Magic Kingdom, Disney World, MGM Studios, Disney's Animal Kingdom and Epcot Center. The packages range from four to seven days. Stop by Gifts and Getaways for more information.

## Free tickets

Magic Springs Crystal Falls theme and waterpark is open and active-duty members are free at the gate. Discounted tickets are available at Gifts and Getaways. Adult tickets are \$22 and \$20 for children. At the gate, adults are \$36.88 and children are \$20. Call Gifts and Getaways at 456-1865 for information on Hot Springs, Ark.

## Watertown

Take the whole family for a day of fun in the sun without leaving town. Watertown is a water park in west Shreveport that features giant water slides, wave pools and concessions. Gifts and Getaways have reduced price tickets for \$14.50.

## Half price Six Flags tickets

Get Six Flags Over Texas Amusement Park tickets for less than half the normal gate prices, with tickets starting at \$22. Stop by Gifts and Getaways to take advantage of these savings.

# Cajun Warrior Attitude

Catch it!

**Family:** Daughters Tiffany, 12, and Brice, 10

**Hometown:** New Haven, Conn.

**Unit:** 2d Bomb Wing Legal Office

**Job title:** Paralegal NCO in charge of adverse actions

**Job description:** Process all nonjudicial punishment actions for the 2d BW

**Most rewarding job aspect:** Being a part of the system that maintains good order and discipline around the base

**Goals:** Finish my master's degree

**Hobbies:** Cycling and scuba diving

**What motivates my winning attitude:** The desire to continuously improve

**Favorite TV show:** Friends

**Favorite movie:** Steel Magnolias

**Favorite sports team:** U.S. Postal Cycling team

**Favorite dish:** Fettuccini alfredo

**Favorite book:** The DaVinci Code

**I'm proudest of:** My daughters

**Person I admire the most:** My sister Christine

**Best day of my life:** The day I became a mother



J. Manny Guendulay/The Bombardier

## Tech. Sgt. Donna Spalding

**My best asset is:** My organizational skills

**Pet peeve:** When people don't use their blinkers when turning

**What I like most about Barksdale:** I love all the landscaping of the base, especially the main entrance

## 2d Bomb Wing Legal Office at a Glance

Acting division chief:  
**Major Dan Higgins**  
First sergeant:  
**Master Sgt. Jack Bebow**

2d Bomb Wing director of staff:  
**Lt. Col. Richard Humphrey**  
Division motto:  
**"Innovate, excel, learn"**

# Baby-sitting course begins

## Last class of year held at Family Support Center

### STAFF REPORTS

A baby-sitting training course is scheduled Monday through July 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 for more information or to sign up.

• Class is open to youth ages 11-17

• Participants will be Red Cross certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and baby-sitting

• A first aid marathon is included

• Participants will learn how to change diapers, hygiene, mentoring and how to bathe babies

• FSC maintains list in a national registry so when people permanently change stations their name remains listed

• This is the last class for the year







## At the movies

For recorded show times and movies, call 456-3666 or visit the Army and Air Force Exchange Services Web site at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com). Movies are subject to change without notice. Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission: Adults \$3, children \$1.50 (Information and photos courtesy of [www.movieweb.com](http://www.movieweb.com))



### “The Day After Tomorrow”

**Rated:** PG-13

**Playing:** Today and Saturday at 7 p.m.

**Run time:** 124 mins.

**Cast:** Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal

**Synopsis:** A climatological disaster ravages the world beyond recognition. As millions of terrified survivors flee the south, Professor Adrian Hall heads the opposite way to New York City, now a frozen wasteland, in search of his son Sam who may still be alive.

### “Shrek 2”

**Rated:** PG-13

**Playing:** Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

**Run time:** 93 mins.

**Cast:** Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy

**Synopsis:** Shrek and Fiona return from their honeymoon to find Fiona’s parents inviting them for dinner. Fiona’s parents anticipate the homecoming of their daughter and her new Prince. But no one could have prepared them for the sight of their new son-in-law. Shrek now faces his greatest challenge: The In-Laws.



### “Raising Helen”

**Rated:** PG-13

**Playing:** Sunday at 7 p.m.

**Run time:** 119 mins.

**Cast:** Kate Hudson, John Corbett

**Synopsis:** Helen is living the life she always dreamed about. Her career is on the rise; she spends her days at fashion shows and nights at the hottest clubs. But her carefree lifestyle comes to a screeching halt when her sister and brother-in-law are killed in a car crash, leaving her to care for their three kids.

## Chapel information

Chapel One: 275 Barksdale Boulevard. East

Chapel Two: 724 Douhet Drive, 456-2111

### Catholic services

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Confraternity Christian doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.

Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

### Protestant services

Liturgical communion service, Chapel One, Sunday, 9 a.m.

Community worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Inspirational gospel worship service, Chapel Two, Sunday, noon

Contemporary praise service, Chapel Two, Sunday, 6 p.m.

Family night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

### Family Nights

Dinner and Bible study are held Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chapel Two Annex. All ages are welcome.

## Red River Inn dining facility

Flight Kitchen, 456-4769

Red River Inn, 456-8367

Items subject to change

#### Today

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers

Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti

#### Saturday

Brunch — Ribeye steak, Cajun meatloaf, baked chicken

Supper — Pork chops, fish almonidine, stir-fry chicken

#### Sunday

Brunch — Sauerbraten, tuna and noodles, chicken breasts

Supper — Spinach lasagna, barbecued chicken, fried shrimp

#### Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, knockwurst

Dinner — Baked ham, fish and fries, roast turkey

#### Tuesday

Lunch — Yakisoba, Salisbury steak, lemon-baked fish

Dinner — Barbecued beef, pork chop suey, paprika beef

#### Wednesday

Lunch — Beef porcupines, chicken enchiladas, Caribbean-jerk chicken

Dinner — Country-style steak, pita pizza, fried chicken

#### Thursday

Lunch — Liver, tempura-fried fish, spiced pork chops

Dinner — Pepper steak, ginger pot roast, baked chicken

#### July 16

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood Newburg, veal steaks

Dinner — Pot roast, corned beef, pineapple chicken

## Family Support Center

Located on the corner of Kenney Avenue and Curtiss Road in Building 4713, 456-8400  
Reservations required for all events.

### Youth leadership conference

The American Red Cross-facilitated Youth Leadership Training Conference, a certification course for youth ages 12-17, is scheduled for Monday to July 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Training includes baby-sitting, first aid, infant and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the fourth annual first aid competition. This educational program enables youth to learn skill-building techniques. The course cost is \$5. Call 456-8400 for more information and to make reservations.

### Moving offbase

Airmen moving out of the dorms can attend a moving workshop Wednesday from 8 to 9:30 p.m. designed to help with the transition of moving into the local community. Topics include how to prepare for apartment living; roommate selection; budgeting, saving, managing and reducing debt. During this 1 and a half-hour workshop, individual budget assessments are conducted, as well as training on debt reduction.

### Buying a home

A home buying workshop is scheduled for Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and provides information about what questions to ask mortgage bankers or realtors, information on securing financing and more. Home buying resources are provided.

### Airman’s Attic

Donations of spring and summer clothing for adults and children are needed to stock the Airman’s Attic. All clothing items should be clean and not stained or torn. These serviceable items can be dropped off at Family Services located in the Family Support Center Mondays through Fridays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The Airman’s Attic provides free household items, clothing, toys, uniforms, books and more to senior airmen and below and on a case-by-case basis for staff sergeants and above.

### Personal, family readiness briefing

The Family Support Center’s readiness team provides information and support Thursday and July 22 at 2 p.m. to prepare for separation. Visit the center for this briefing to prepare active-duty members and their families for separation due to deployment or TDY. Spouses or significant others may attend.

Call the center for more information.

### Resume workshop

A resume workshop is scheduled for Airmen and their spouses Wednesday at 8 a.m. The seminar covers the craft of resume and cover letter writing and also provides key information for finding a job as well as communicating with potential employees.

## Heir force

Born	Name	Parents
June 15	Chase Christian	Capt. Matthew and Sunnie Callow, 11th Bomb Squadron

To announce your latest arrival, call at 456-5501 or e-mail [thebombardier@barksdale.af.mil](mailto:thebombardier@barksdale.af.mil).





# Aerobics: fitness center offers variety

BY AIRMAN BRANDON KUSEK

THE BOMBARDIER

Barksdale's Sports and Fitness Center offers a variety of aerobics classes every day to help base members get and stay fit.

Patricia Binkley-Childress and Patrick Mosley are the fitness center's two instructors.

"I know that you have to work hard for what you want so I expect those who attend my classes to have a can-do and want-to attitude," Brinkley-Childress said. "In return for their hard work, I provide them with safe, effective and challenging, yet fun, classes."

The fitness center director, Jim Dich is very proud of the classes and what they do for people.

"The classes are designed to help people who are not doing very well with the new physical training standards, but are for anyone who wants to improve their muscular strength and cardiovascular system," Dich said.

Base members who have attended the class say they've benefited a great deal.

"I tried the class to get back into shape since the bike test was discontinued," said Harry Leasure who is a master sergeant assigned the 8th Air Force and has attended Patricia's classes since January. "I was worried about my run time since it was the only workout I was doing. I went from 14 minutes, 30 seconds to 11 minutes, 45 seconds."

There are no requirements to attend the class and people of all physical abilities are welcome to attend.

"The workout we do is self paced," Mosley said, who teaches the cardio kick and dance classes. "The class is nontraditional so you hear tunes you like and the moves are made for people with basic coordination."

"If you want to burn calories, this class does it. I love how the high tempo workout exercises both a cardio and muscular workout," said Dawn Lawrence, a staff sergeant assigned to 2d Bomb Wing Public Affairs.

At least one class is scheduled Mondays through Saturdays to provide flexibility to base members.

"These are hard workouts. If you haven't tried them, you should go sometime," Leasure said.

## Aerobics schedule

### Monday

7:30 a.m. — Interval Pump, Patricia

8:30 a.m. — Basic Pilates, Patricia

11 a.m. — Step Aerobics, Patricia

Noon — Cardio Dance and Kick, Patrick

5 p.m. — Interval Pump, Patricia

6 p.m. — Kickboxing Aerobics, Patricia

### Tuesday

Noon — Team Training, Patricia

### Wednesday

7:30 a.m. — Interval Pump, Patricia

8:30 a.m. — Basic Pilates, Patricia

11 a.m. — Step Aerobics, Patricia

Noon — Cardio Dance and Kick, Patrick

5 p.m. — Pilates, Patricia

6 p.m. — Kickboxing Aerobics, Patricia

### Thursday

6:30 a.m. — Cardio Dance and Kick, Patrick

Noon — Kickboxing Aerobics, Patricia

### Friday

6:30 a.m. — Cardio Dance and Kick, Patrick

### Saturday

9 a.m. — Spin



Patrick Mosley keeps up the high tempo during his cardio kick and dance class.



Airman Brandon Kusek/The Bombardier

Patricia Binkley-Childress leads a Wednesday morning interval pump class.

## Sports Shorts

### Base championship

The base golf championship is scheduled July 17-18. This tournament is open to active duty, reservists and Department of Defense and nonappropriated fund civilians. Players pay the normal green fees and cart rental rates with no entry fees. Winners from all flights receive trophies. The number of flights is contingent on the number of entries. Tee off is at 8 a.m. Stop by Fox Run Golf Course to sign up.

### Wednesday scramble

Players can compete in Wednesday's scramble starting at 5 p.m. This is a blind draw, five-person scramble format. Names are pulled from a hat to establish teams. The entry fee is \$3 plus normal green fees and cart rental. One hundred percent of all entry fees are paid back as prize money.

### Summer bowling program

Get out of the heat this summer and win prizes with the Bowl for Stars and Strikes program at the bowling center. Pick up a punch card and have it punched with every game bowled or with every large soda purchased. Win a bowling piggy bank, a new bowling ball or a bowling bag. Call the bowling center to find out open bowling times.

### Youth soccer registration

Soccer registration is Tuesday through July 24 at the youth center. This is a coed league for ages 5-17. The cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for nonmembers. Coaches are also needed. Call 456-3448 to register.

### Golf tournament

A golf tournament is scheduled July 30 at Fox Run Golf Course. The tournament is shotgun start beginning at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 a player with green fees set at \$7 for E-1 through E-4; \$10 for E-5 through E-7 and GS-1 through GS-7; \$14 for E-8 and up, GS-8 and up, and all officers; and \$21 for guests. Cash prizes go to first, second and third place. There are also four closest to the pins and longest drive prizes. The tournament is a four-man scramble and is limited to the first 20 teams with one single-digit handicapper per team. To sign up as a team or single e-mail Master Sgt. Wayne Penrod or call at 456-5049. Proceeds from the tournament help offset the cost of tickets for the upcoming annual Barksdale Enlisted Combat Dining Out scheduled Sept. 17.

### Night hoops basketball league

The youth center hosts a night hoops teen basketball league beginning July 16. Games are played every Friday from 8 to 11 p.m. The league is open to youth ages 13 to 18 and features other teen events, games and life-skill workshops on game nights. Coaches and referees are also needed. Call 456-3448 to register and for more information.

### Three-mile relay race

The fitness center hosts a three-mile relay race July 23 at 8 a.m. Teams must be comprised of six runners, with at least one female. Races are run in heats. Squadron challenges are encouraged. First and second place teams receive trophies. Registration begins Saturday. Call Senior Airman Veronica Rooks at 456-4135 to register and for more information.

### FIP circuit training

A Fitness Improvement Program circuit training class is scheduled at the fitness center Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. The class is for individuals on the Fitness Improvement Program and is designed to assist members with their next Air Force fitness assessment.